

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A headphone apparatus, comprising:

~~wherein~~ a baffle portion formed to surround a space except a front opening portion of a driver unit ~~and/or a back housing portion formed to cover the back surface of said driver unit is formed using an air-permeable porous material.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The headphone apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said baffle portion is approximately cone-shaped.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The headphone apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 11, wherein an opening is made in ~~[[the]]~~ a back surface of said back housing portion.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The headphone apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 11, wherein ~~chemical fiber unweven fabric is used as~~ said air-permeable porous material comprises an unweven fabric of chemical fiber.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The headphone apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 11, wherein ~~cellulose based material is used as~~ said air-permeable porous material comprises a cellulose based material.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The headphone apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said driver unit is provided in a bridge portion shaped like an arch forming a bridge to a rim which forms a frame.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The headphone apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the cone shape of said baffle portion is asymmetrical with respect to ~~[[the]]~~ an axis of the cone.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The headphone apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said ~~chemical fiber~~ unwoven fabric of chemical fiber is combined with a porous material ~~such as cloth~~ through an air-permeable adhesive layer to stabilize ~~[[the]]~~ a shape ~~thereof~~ of the fabric.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The headphone apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said cellulose based material is combined with a porous material ~~such as cloth~~ through an air-permeable adhesive layer to stabilize ~~[[the]]~~ a shape ~~thereof~~ of the cellulose based material.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The headphone apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a microphone device is attached to said headphone apparatus.

Claim 11 (New): A headphone apparatus, comprising:
a back housing portion formed to cover a back surface of a driver unit,
wherein the back housing portion is formed of an air-permeable porous material.

Claim 12 (New): The headphone apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the driver unit is provided in a bridge portion shaped like an arch forming a bridge to a rim which forms a frame.

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Claim 13 (New): The headphone apparatus according to claim 11, wherein a microphone device is attached to the headphone apparatus.